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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0285]

Containment Shell or Liner Moisture Barrier Inspection

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory issue summary; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2016-07, "Containment Shell or Liner Moisture Barrier Inspection." This RIS reiterates the NRC staff's position regarding American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) code inservice inspection requirements for moisture barriers. The NRC's regulations require, in part, that licensees implement the inservice inspection program for pressure retaining components and their integral attachments of metal containments and metallic liners of concrete containments in accordance with the ASME Code. If a material prevents moisture from contacting inaccessible areas of the containment shell or liner, especially if the material is being relied upon in lieu of augmented examinations of a susceptible location, the material must be inspected as a moisture barrier. The applicable ASME Code sections require licensees to inspect 100 percent of accessible moisture barriers during each inspection period.

DATES: The RIS is available as of [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0285 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 80401) on December 24, 2015. The agency received comments from four commenters. The staff considered all comments, which resulted in minor revisions to the RIS. The evaluation of these comments and the resulting changes to the RIS are discussed in a publicly-available memorandum which is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16060A450.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of May, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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